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CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: EXTENSIVE LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF COMMONWEALTH
CONFERENCE HAS FEATURED FONMIN WILLS' COMMENT THAT STRONG
US PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S GOVERNMENT IS COURSE MOST
LIKELY TO BRING END TO APARTHEID AND INSTITUTE BLACK
MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. END SUMMARY.

1. JUNE 15 CHRONICLE FEATURED FRONT-PAGE REPORT OF REUTER
INTERVIEW IN WHICH FONMIN WILLS SAID THAT STRONG US
PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL GOVERNMENT WAS THE
COURSE MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED IN EFFECTING A TRANSFER TO
BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND THE ENDING OF APARTHEID
IN SOUTH AFRICA. WILL ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT
NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH WERE UNLIKELY
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TO PROGRESS WITHOUT ADDED PRESSURE OF ARMED STRUGGLE
WHICH GOG FULLY SUPPORTS. SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA
AND SOUTH AFRICA WERE FUTILE BECAUSE THEY ARE EASILY
BROKEN. ACCORDING TO CANA ITEM IN JUNE 10 CITIZEN,
WILLS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SMITH GOVERNMENT COULD ONLY

BE REMOVED BY FORCE. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE WILLS, SPEAKING AS CARIBBEAN SPOKESMAN ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, DISAGREED WITH BRITAIN'S RHODESIA POLICY AS OUTLINED BY PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND URGED THAT GREATER COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE BE PROVIDED TO FREEDOM-FIGHTERS AND TO FOUR FRONTLINE STATES ON BORDER WITH RHODESIA.

2. JUNE 14 CITIZEN REPORTED THAT WILLS SAID THAT COMMONWEALTH REPORT PROPOSING REFORMS TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WAS UNLIKELY TO LEAD TO ACTION. US, GERMANY, AND JAPAN WERE NOT MEMBERS OF COMMONWEALTH, WILLS SAID, AND WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT NO NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WAS POSSIBLE. WILLS ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT GUYANA DID NOT ATTEND RECENT NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN PARIS BECAUSE GOG FEELS THAT UN SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE BYPASSED.

3. EXTENSIVE LOCAL MEDIA PUBLICITY ON COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE HAS CENTERED ON ISSUE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PROBLEM OF SPORTS POLICY, AND ON NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. REUTER-CANA REPORT IN JUNE 13 CHRONICLE DESCRIBED GUYANA S NOT UNHAPPY WITH COMPROMISE COMMONWEALTH POSITION ON SPORTING LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. JUNE 15 CHRONICLE DESCRIBED COMMONWEALTH STATEMENT ON APARTHEID IN SPORT AS A VICTORY FOR HARD-LINE POSITIONS OF GUYANA AND JAMAICA.

4. COMMENT: WILLS COMMENTS EMPHASIZE GOG BELIEF THAT US CAN AND MUST PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE WITH RESPECT TO NON-ALIGNED AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. DURING PAST FEW MONTHS, GOG HAS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT LDC'S CAN WORK WITH US TO SOLVE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. PRESIDENT CARTER'S UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN POLICY AND HUMAN RIGHTS PRONOUNCEMENTS HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY MOST GOG LEADERS, BUT THEY MAINTAIN THAT US SHOULD NOW TAKE POSITIVE ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THESE.
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